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*Club Meetings June - September, Held At The Club's Flying Site

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The December 9th Christmas dinner / meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was held at Hoosier Bar & Grill in Ellettsville. A good crowd was present & there were only a few empty seats.

The food was excellent & the staff did a great job of taking care of us. President Mark Sexton & VP Rick Hill passed out certificates of appreciation to many club members for outstanding service, Tom Jenkins received his solo certificate,



& Tim Mellott put together some pictures from past events for a DVD presentation. Randy Byers sold tickets for the 50/50 drawing & Dr. Matt won again this year with a ticket he got on credit from Randy. Matt used his winnings to pay Randy & donated the rest back to the Hospice House fund.



Several items that were donated to the club were auctioned to raise more money for the Hospice House. The most popular item was the Skunk Works hat that was donated by member Tom Liebig. Tim Porter's wife made the winning bid & posed for a picture wearing the hat. A good time was had by all. Thanks to everyone who attended & to those who helped by donating items! Other pictures from the event will be on the club's website for your viewing pleasure...



Interesting Bits...

Kevin Nuetzman hosted several of us at Rolls Royce Allison in Indy on December 18th for a tour of their Heritage Museum. The museum is scheduled to be closed for some time after December to be moved to a new location. We got to see some interesting examples of their technology over the years & learned some history of the company & their association with Allison. Thanks for the tour Kevin! We hope to visit again after the move is complete.



Here's a picture Kevin took of us next to a custom Merlin engine that was used in the P-51 Mustang & the Mosquito. You can see more of Kevin's pictures on the internet at: <https://onedrive.live.com/redir?>

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The unseasonably warm December temperatures prompted Jim Parker to host a wiener roast at Nebo Field on Thursday the 11th. It gets dark pretty early in December but we still had time to fly before enjoying the fire & the food. Thanks Jim! Photo by Kevin Nuetzman...



We enjoyed a fine dining experience at Bynum's in Martinsville on the shortest Thursday of the year. The Nebo Memorial R/C Pilot's Association had reservations for "twenty-something" & that's exactly the number that showed up for dinner on the 17th. Thanks to all who participated & to the staff at Bynum's for putting up with us! It was a good time & Mark says we should do it again near the Spring equinox. The nearest Thursday would be March 24th...

If you were thinking we have too much fun on Friday evenings at Paragon. You would be right. After flying in the school gym, we head a couple of blocks down the street to Tomato Pie Pizza Joint for dinner. Randy Byers caught this picture of our waitress getting Brayton Thompson's order...



You should all know by now about the crazy stuff the FAA is doing about registering R/C pilots. There have been several emails from the AMA on the subject & several more from other sources about people gathering signatures on petitions opposing the new rules. The Academy Of Model Aeronautics is planning some kind of legal action & is advising it's members to not register yet. You can watch the informational video from the AMA on the internet at this address: <http://air.modelaircraft.org/>

My personal opinion is that gun laws don't stop bank robbers or gang violence & new FAA rules for all radio control pilots won't stop idiots from flying where they shouldn't. New legislation will not cure stupidity. If some kook is going to fly a new multi rotor camera copter with FPV out of his line of sight, over a crowd of people, or near a full scale aircraft, he probably won't have his new FAA registration number attached to it anyway...

There was a full moon over Nebo Field on Thursday, December 24th & it was in the 50s but not many R/C pilots



The Mellott clan doing some heavy drinking...



were present on Christmas eve. Most were enjoying time at home with their families. It was early in the evening when I caught Santa practicing touch & gos on the runway...



Charlie Thompson is elated to receive a certificate at the Christmas dinner.



Ask Joe Rogers about his new teeth he got for Christmas.

Steve Shoop says if the temperature stays in the 50s on New Year's Day, he's inviting all to fly & barbecue at his place in Brown County. Contact Steve for the latest forecast at 812-327-9418 or email him at beamer3394@peoplepc.com...

Plan you vacation now & contact Mark Sexton if you want in on the trip to Toledo in April or Oshkosh in July...

Event Calendar

- January 1 Shoop's Place (Weather Permitting)
- January 13 Monthly Club Meeting
- January 23 Skyliners Swap Meet (Charlestown)
- February 10 Monthly Club Meeting
- February 28 Annual Club Swap Meet
- March 9 Monthly Club Meeting
- March 24 Equinox Thursday Dinner At Bynum's
- April 1-3 Toledo R/C Expo
- April 13 Monthly Club Meeting
- July 25—31 Airventure "Oshkosh"

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